

Worksheet

Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

Note: This worksheet is to be completed consistent with the policies stated in the Instruction Memorandum entitled "Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy" transmitting this worksheet and the "Guidelines for Using the DNA Worksheet" located at the end of the worksheet. (Note: The signed CONCLUSION at the end of this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal analysis process and does not constitute an appealable decision.)

A. BLM Office: Arctic Field Office **Lease/Serial/Case File No.** FF095532

Proposed Action Title/Type: Filming the Western Arctic Caribou Herd using a NPR-A permit

Location of Proposed Action: Western National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska

Description of the Proposed Action: The BLM Arctic Field Office in Fairbanks is proposing to authorize a permit to film caribou on the Utukok River on federal lands in the NPR-A. The film is for a 2 hour documentary about Alaska for WNET/NATURE PBS and as an educational use for schools. BLMs Management from the Fairbanks District Office has decided to issue an NPR-A permit for this action, instead of a Film Permit. The dates of proposed use are June 7 through July 7th. Pontecorvo would be dropped of by fixed wing aircraft from Coyote Air at Driftwood Creek on a sandbar, float the Utukok and get picked up on the river depending on a useable sandbar, approximately at Carbon Creek. Pontecorvo proposes to film caribou using low impact/long lens photography. The equipment would consist of 2 inflatable Kayaks, 2 tents, a camera and tripod/portable sound recording. They would cook on small camp gas stoves. The only fuel would be camping fuel. Pontecorvo propose to take out what they take in. They will have a satellite phone with them at all times. Aerial photography is not proposed. There would be a total of 4 people participating.

Applicant (if any): Pontecorvo Productions LLC

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans

LUP Name* Western Arctic Resource Management Plan (WARMP) Management Situation Analysis
Date Evaluated 2/5/1990

LUP Name* Utility Corridor Resource Management Plan (UTRMP)
Date Approved 1/11/1991

LUP Name* Utility Corridor Final Environmental Impact Statement (UCFEIS)
Approved 9/27/1989

LUP Name* Final Environmental Impact Statement on Oil and Gas Leasing in The National petroleum Reserve in Alaska (FEISOGLNPR-A) and Record of Decision
Approved 5/1983

The National petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976

*List applicable LUPs (e.g., Resource Management Plans or applicable amendments).

C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

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D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The current proposed action is a type of action and located in the same area as the proposed action that was analyzed in 2009-17EA.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The range of alternatives is the same as 2009-17EA.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, Rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The existing analysis is adequate for this proposal. The 2009-017EA was completed May 22, 2009 and there is no new information.

4. Are the direct, indirect and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed action are similar to those evaluated in the 2009-17EA.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequately for the current proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

The proposed action has been announced on the BLM Arctic Field Office website NEPA register, as was the 2009-17EA.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

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Note: Refer to the EA for a complete list of the team members participating in the Preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

F. Mitigation Measures: List any applicable mitigation measures that were identified, analyzed, and approved in relevant LUPs and existing NEPA document(s). List the specific mitigation measures or identify an attachment that includes those specific mitigation measures. Document that these applicable mitigation measures must be incorporated and implemented.

The applicant will abide by the required operating procedures derived in the 2009-17EA.

CONCLUSION

☐ Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked

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May 27, 2009

Date

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.